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COVID-19 subvariant JN.1 scare

No curbs for Christmas, New Year but stay cautious: DC

Union Health Minister holds meeting with all State Governments; monitors cases uptick

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (RK&BCT)- Even as Karnataka has decided to enhance testing and Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) of positive cases in preparation for a potential resurgence of COVID-19, driven by the JN.1 subvariant prevalent in neighbouring Kerala, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has clarified that there will be no restrictions for Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Nevertheless, Dr. Rajendra has appealed to people to exercise caution if infected and be mindful of the potential for disease spread. "Currently, no restrictions are in place for the upcoming Christmas and New Year celebrations. However, individuals aged 60 and above are required to wear masks as a mandatory precaution. If anyone is infected, it is imperative to refrain from moving around and adhere to strict isolation at home," Dr. Rajendra told *Star of Mysore* this morning.

COVID Ward readied at District Hospital on KRS road in Mysuru.

The District Administration is well-prepared to handle any unforeseen circumstances, with a focus on specialised care, including provisions for hospital beds, ICUs, MICUs and Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) generation and supply. District health officials are checking the status of PSA plants, LMO plants, ICU ventilators, oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, medical gas pipeline and equipment in ICU.

Dr. Rajendra reassured "Patients, especially those with comorbidities, requiring medical attention can be admitted to hospitals without unnecessary panic. Individuals exhibiting symptoms should promptly undergo swab tests at the designated hospitals identified by the District Administration."

One death in Karnataka

Reports said that, a 64-year-old man, who tested positive for COVID-19, passed away on Dec. 15 in Karnataka. The patient, who had pre-existing health conditions, presented symptoms including breathlessness, cough, fatigue and loss of appetite.

Upon evaluation, a chest X-ray unveiled a severe lower respiratory tract infection. Subsequently, the patient, confirmed positive for COVID-19, was promptly transferred to an isolation ward and provided Non-Invasive Ventilation (NIV) support.

Despite receiving a comprehensive treatment regimen comprising antibiotics, anti-virals, antihistamines, steroids and unfractionated heparin (UFH), the patient's condition deteriorated. Hospital records indicate that he succumbed to severe COVID pneumonia, heart failure and cardiogenic shock. The death, however, is not mentioned in the Karnataka Health Department's daily COVID-19 abstract yet.

(See CURBS on page 6)

Brand Mysuru Fest in city from Jan. 26, 2024

District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, who announced hosting of three-day Brand Mysuru Fest in city last evening, seen with DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Joint Director of Tourism Department M.K. Savitha, SP Seema Latkar, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and others.

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BCT)- The Brand Mysuru Fest, to be held on Jan. 26, 27 and 28, 2024, at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri campus, promises to be a vibrant celebration, uniting locals and visitors alike in a joyous exploration of Mysuru region's rich cultural tapestry and global allure.

Announcing this during a meeting at Jaladarshini Guest House in city last evening, Mysuru District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa highlighted Mysuru's global reputation and brand value.

To effectively promote Mysuru's brand value, the logo and taglines must be extensively used to promote Mysuru's picturesque attractions and famous products. To showcase the cultural beauty, heritage, tourism potential and pride of Mysuru, he announced that all Government organisations in the district, aided institutions and private sectors will extensively use the newly unveiled logo with the tagline 'Our Heritage, Your Destination' and mascot 'Gajju.'

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who also spoke, outlined the diverse cultural programmes planned for Brand Mysuru Fest, including 'Nagari', 'Dollu' and 'Bharatanatyam' performances by top art troupes portraying Mysuru's rich heritage. The event will also feature 'Chitrasanthe' for both children and adults, a flea market and a food fair selling globally renowned local products of Mysuru under one roof. Other attractions include a fashion show, kite festival and rock band performances.

To ensure a seamless experience for tourists and spectators, Dr. Rajendra emphasised the importance of a proper parking system, public toilet facilities and round-the-clock cleanliness at the event venue.

Joint Director of Tourism Department M.K. Savitha highlighted the initiative to promote Mysuru tourism through the use of the logo, mascot and souvenirs released in the Brand Mysuru competition.

(See BRAND on page 7)

Kerala contractor's Rs. 50 lakh robbery case cracked

6 arrested

Madikeri, Dec. 20 (PS& BCT)- The Kodagu District Police have solved a case involving the robbery of Rs. 50 lakh from a contractor from Kerala and his friend after they were waylaid and kidnapped. Six persons have been arrested. The crime took place on Dec. 9 at Devarapura village near Gonikoppa in Ponnampet taluk.

SP Ramarajan

Kodagu SP K. Ramarajan announced this at his Office in Madikeri last evening.

The Police have recovered Rs. 3 lakh, two cars and one pick-up vehicle.

(See also page-5)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 20th December 2023

CM to lay foundation for Kidwai Cancer Centre in city on Dec. 22

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (SBD&DM)- With Chief Minister Siddharamaiah likely to lay the foundation stone for Kidwai Cancer Centre in city on Dec. 22, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda inspected the site in PKTB Sanatorium premises on KRS Road here on Monday.

Bengaluru's Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology Dean Dr. Lokesh, Health and Family Welfare Department AEE Doreswamy and other officials were present during the inspection.

It may be mentioned here that Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil, during his visit to the city on Oct. 27, had said that the foundation for the Cancer Centre will be laid in a month. Now the CM is likely to lay the foundation stone amidst his busy schedule during his visit to city on Dec. 22, it is learnt.

State-level Mosale Krishnamurthy Memorial singing competition

Mysuru, Dec. 20- As part of its 26th Annual Music Festival in January 2024, Shruthimanjari Foundation is conducting State-level Mosale Krishnamurthy Memorial 'Raga-Tana-Pallavi' singing competition on Jan. 7, 2024 at Rotary West auditorium in Saraswathipuram at 10 am.

The first prize winner will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 and a chance to sing during the Annual Music Festival 2024. Last date for submission of filled-in application forms is Jan. 3, 2024.

The applications and details can be had from Dr. R.N. Srilatha or K.S. Suresh on Mob: 99451-24825 or 94496-22466.

Foundation Secretary M.K. Seetharam has, in a press release, requested the music teachers to send their Vidwat learning students and parents to send their children who are pursuing Vidwat classes of music to the contest.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The decline in demand for humanities disciplines is often attributed to the allure of materialistic pleasures and the perception of greater employability in non-humanities subjects. Despite the fallacy in this perception, this trend has led to a scarcity of leaders with a well-rounded education. Consequently, the world is embroiled in conflicts and power struggles led by individuals lacking the humanistic qualities essential for addressing global challenges.

In a world rife with conflict, the interconnectedness of humanity often takes a backseat to the pursuit of land, wealth and power. The humanities, encompassing art, literature, history and philosophy, hold the potential to instill emotional intelligence and raise awareness about human frailties, fostering a more harmonious world. Despite the significant presence of spiritual leaders advocating inner enlightenment, the relentless pursuit of material gains continues to overshadow the need for compassion and empathy.

In conclusion, revitalising the humanities in education, particularly for leaders, is imperative for addressing the challenges of our interconnected world. By instilling empathy, emotional intelligence and critical thinking, the humanities can pave the way for leaders to prioritise peace, justice and human flourishing.

— P. John J. Kennedy in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Owl found roosting in family's Christmas tree

Lexington: A Kentucky family's Christmas tree was inside their home for four days before it was discovered to be home to a young owl. Michele White of Lexington said the owl somehow managed to remain undetected in the tree for four days by simply blending in with the branches. Bobby Hayes, owner of Magic Carpet Cleaning, was servicing the home while the family was away when he noticed the branches moving. A closer examination revealed an owl moving through the tree.

White said it was lucky for her that Hayes was the one to find the owl and remove it from the home. "I would have left the house. The owl could've stayed without me. I wasn't coming home," White said.

When the tallest man met the shortest man

London: The man with the tallest recorded height in the world turned 41 on December 10, and to celebrate his birthday, the Guinness World Records (GWR) shared an old video of him meeting the world's shortest man in London. Sultan Kosen of Turkey stands 8 feet, 3 inches tall. He became the world's tallest living man in 2009. Chandra Bahadur Dangi of Nepal, on the other hand, stood 251 centimetres and weighs just 32 pounds. The duo met at an event in London in 2014 for a unique photo op.

Sharing the video on Instagram, GWR wished Kosen a very happy birthday. "A very happy birthday to tallest living man @sultankosen47," the organisation wrote in the caption. "In 2014, Sultan met the shortest man ever, Chandra Dangi on Guinness World Records Day. They were joined by GWR's Editor-in-Chief, Craig Glenday," it added.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Urinary infections are common in females. If any urinary burning and pain in the lower tummy need to do get your urine checked.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant- Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Deadline extended till Dec. 25 to avail educational loan

Mysuru, Dec. 20- The D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation, Karnataka Veerashaiva Lingayat Development Corporation, Karnataka Vokkaliga Development Corporation, Karnataka Savitha Samaja Development Corporation, Karnataka Madivala Machideva Development Corporation, Karnataka Vishwakarma Development Corporation, Karnataka Nomadic/Semi Nomadic Tribes Development Corporation, Karnataka Nijasharana Ambigara Chowdaiah Development Corporation, Karnataka Maratha Communities Development Corporation and Karnataka Uppara Development Corporation have invited online applications from students of their respective communities for availing Arivu educational loan and loan for studies abroad.

The last date for applying has been extended till Dec. 25.

The interested students can apply through GramaOne, MysuruOne and Seva Sindhu portals — *https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in, http://gramaone.karnataka.gov.in, https://www.karnatakaone.gov.in.*

For more details, visit the Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation website *https//dbcdc.karnataka.gov.in* or call Ph: 0821- 2341194, according to a press release.

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Today's Outflow **775 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **400 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *The word 'slipper' was originally a Persian and Arabic word. This term refers to a shoe that is made of leather. Its name is derived from the word 'babush,' which means "toe.*
- *The mule slipper, or 'Venetian furlane', was first worn by peasants in the fifteenth century. The mule was designed for the protection of wooden floors and was made from expensive, fine leather.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Customer: *There is a fly in my soup!*

Waiter: *Hold on Sir, I'll get the Fly Spray!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 83.14**
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VOICE OF THE READER

This stretch of road needs asphalting

Sir,

The 3rd Main Road in V.V. Mohalla from HDFC Bank Circle to Gokulam Main Road is getting step-motherly treatment from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). This road is in a pathetic condition and needs asphalting very badly.

A few days back, workers from the Corporation came and cleaned the road surface and said that asphalting would be done in the next 2-3 days but after that, nothing has happened.

This is a very busy road with a good amount of traffic leading to Gokulam and is being used by school buses and many other vehicles. Also there are many apartments on this stretch.

It is ironical to note that many crossroads in this locality with negligible traffic have been asphalted but this stretch with heavy traffic is neglected and is crying for attention. Hope the authorities concerned will look into this and take action soon.

— A concerned citizen
V.V. Mohalla
17.12.2023

No power supply on Dec. 21 and 22

Mysuru, Dec. 20- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up 3rd quarterly maintenance works at Devanur, Suttur and Vajamangala Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply on Dec. 21 and 22 between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas:

Devanur Power Distribution Centre: Tagaduru, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedatale, Konanuru, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kavalande villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) Limits.

Suttur Power Distribution Centre: Nagarle, Biligere, Mallupura, Suttur villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) Limits.

Dec. 22: Vajamangala Power Distribution Centre: Mellahalli, Harohalli, Halekerehundi, Shivapura, Halagayyanahundi, Pillahalli, Varakodu, Badagalahundi, Moodalahundi, Kempegowdanahundi, Varuna, Dandikere, Vajamangala, Mosambayyanahalli, Yandahalli, Sajjehundi, Janthagalli, Mahadeshwara Layout, Indus Layout, Boogathahalli Gate, Chooranahalli, Nadanahalli, Police Layout, Netajinagar, IPS Nagar, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, SMP Developers, Shobha Developers, Yashaswini Hill View, Chikkahalli, JSS Layout, Vasanthanagar, Sukadayi Layout, Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Nagar, Saptamatruka Layout, Sahrudayanagar, Prakruthi Layout and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Executive Engineers, Nanjangud and NR Mohalla Divisions.

Inauguration of Kodagu Gowda Samaja's new auditorium

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (GA&BS)- Kodagu Gowda Samaja President Thotambylaya E. Manohar said that the new auditorium of Kodagu Gowda Samaja at Vijayanagar Railway Layout in the city will be inaugurated on Dec. 23 at 9.30 am.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday, Manohar said the auditorium built on the top of the existing building will be inaugurated by Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and Adhichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru branch's Someshwaranatha Swamiji. Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha, MLA K. Harishgowda, former MLAs L. Nagendra and Vasu, President of Kodagu Gowda Samaja Okkoota Soorthale R. Somanna, former Corporator K.V. Sridhar and others will participate.

Kodagu Gowda Samaja Vice-President Kuyyamudi B. Ramappa, Honorary Secretary Kuntikana S. Ganapathy, Assistant Secretary Kaleramma M. Nanaiah, Directors Naduvettira G. Lakshmana and Kombarana U. Basappa were present at the press meet.

Millets offer solutions to present health issues: District Minister

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (RK&BS)- Social Welfare and District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Maha-devappa said "The millets grown in organic farming method that ensure nutritious diet have proven helpful in finding solutions to the present health-related issues."

He was speaking after inaugurating three-day Siridhanya Sambhrama, The Millet Diversity Festival (Millet Mela), organised by Sahaja Samrudha in association with Department of Agriculture, SWISSAID and Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBl), under the CROPS4HD (Consumption of Resilient Orphan Crops for Healthier Diets) Project, at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city yesterday.

Emphasising on the significance of organic farming and millets cultivation, Dr. Mahadevappa said "Owing to demand from people, the Government is encouraging organic farming method and cultivation of millets. Departments of Agriculture and Horticulture have been providing subsidy to grow millets in organic farming method in 10,000 acres in every district. The farmers should come forward to grow millets without using fertilisers rich in chemicals. The Government has also chalked out programmes for stocking, processing and market for millets. The organisations and farmer associations should also encourage organic farming and create awareness."

As International Year of Millets is being observed, the Self-Help Groups (SHG), Farmers Producer Company and farmers involved in conservation of millet species should encourage the cultivation of millets, he said.

Film actor Akshatha Pandavapura released the book 'Poushtika Paka' brought out by Sahaja Samrudha. Joint Director of Agriculture Dr. B.S. Chandrashekar, Millet Conservator from Belagavi Praveen Hebballi, Director of Devdanya Farmers Producer Company Savithri Kodli, Millet Conservator from Haveri Veerabhadraiah Hiremath, Director of Sahaja Samrudha G. Krishna Prasad, Anitha Reddy, K.S. Manju of Sahaja Seeds and others were present. The Millet Mela is open to public today and tomorrow from 10 am to 8 pm.

Yuvraj Silk House and Yuvraj Le: Royale Hotel inaugurated

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurating Yuvraj Silk House and Yuvraj Le: Royale, a three-star hotel on Shalivahana road in Nazarbad, Mysuru, on Dec. 17 as Yuvraj Groups Proprietor L. Yuvraj, Arun Yuvraj and family members look on. Also present were former MLA L. Nagendra, former Corporators Mahadesh, Bhagya Mahadesh, Kushal Kumar and Sathvik, former MUDA Chairman Yashasvi Somashekar, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, T.R. Krishnegowda, Rajput Community Mysore Zone President Krupal Singh, Tabrez, Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, K.R. Satyanarayan, Chikkakempegowda, Hasan Ali Khan (Noori Bhayya) and Zubair of Z Mark.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Coaching Class at Jnanabuthi

City's Jnanabuthi, located in the premises of Government High School and PU College, JLB Road, Lakshmipuram, will be conducting a 45-day coaching classes for PDO/ FDA/ SDA recruitment written exam to be conducted by the KPSC. Interested aspirants can register their names at the Jnanabuthi Office between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm before Dec. 23. For details, contact Mob: 94481-17455 or 99728-30857 or 82967-88251, according to a press release.

Fairs and Jatras postponed

In order to facilitate smooth and peaceful voting for the By-election for Ward No. 20 of Nanjangud CMC to take place on Dec. 27, the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the District Electoral Officer, has postponed all scheduled jatras and fairs in Nanjangud CMC limits on the date of polling (Dec. 27), according to a press release.

People asked to deposit weapons

In view of the by-polls to take place for Ward No. 20 of Nanjangud CMC and with the Model Code of Conduct in place from Dec. 8 to 30, the DC has banned use of firearms and accordingly, all those residing in Nanjangud CMC limits, who are in possession of weapons, are asked to deposit their firearms (weapons) at their jurisdictional Police Stations, for ensuring smooth and peaceful conduct of the polls, according to a press release.

Pensioners' Day & Silver Jubilee

The Pensioners' Day and Silver Jubilee celebrations of Central Government Pensioners' Association, Mysuru, will be held at Sadvidya Pathashala premises on Narayan Shastry Road in city Dec. 24 at 10 am, according to a press release from Association President P.M. Parameshwaraiah.

Appointed

G. Gopal, a resident of No. 2556, Kantharaj Urs Road, K.G. Koppal, has been appointed as a member of Station Consultative Committee for Mysuru Railway Station. He can be contacted on Mob: 98803-04324, according to a press release issued by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Mysuru Divisional Office, South Western Railway.

Notices issued to 82 ultrasound scanning centres in Mysuru

A total of 288 centres in the district, 25 defunct; DC calls for stringent enforcement of PCPNDT Act

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (TRR)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K. V. Rajendra has instructed officials from the District Health and Family Welfare Department to conduct inspections of scanning centres within the district. The objective is to assess their compliance with the guidelines outlined in the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (PCPNDT) Act.

Dr. Rajendra articulated these directives at the PCPNDT meeting held at the auditorium of the District Health and Family Welfare Office recently. Emphasising the importance of adherence to the PCPNDT Act, he stated, "All scanning centres must register as per the PCPNDT Act. Any unregistered centres engaging in sex determination tests must be identified and a report submitted. It is imperative to ensure the mandatory maintenance of Form F at scanning centres."

Providing an overview of the current scenario, Dr. Rajendra informed that out of the 288 PCPNDT centres in the district, inspections had been conducted at 232 centres. Notices have been issued to 82 centres for non-compliance with Form F filing.

He stressed the need for all centres to submit Form F, with officials monitoring these forms regularly. Dr. Rajendra also noted that approximately 25 centres had become defunct, urging officials to seal their machinery to prevent misuse.

Expressing concern about the declining ratio of female children in the district, Dr. Rajendra urged officials to diligently carry out their duties by the PCPNDT Act.

The PCPNDT Act outlines specific regulations, including restricting access to the scanning room during the procedure, prohibiting the display of pictures or signs denoting the sex of the infant and mandating the placement of posters declaring, 'Sex Determination Test is Not Done Here.' Radiologists are permitted to work only in two shifts.

Dr. Rajendra directed the establishment of District Level Committees at the taluk level, consisting representatives from the Police Department, NGOs, radiologists, medical officers and other officials.

In a supplementary directive, Dr. Rajendra insisted that every hospital and scanning centre prominently display their KPME licence, visiting hours of doctors, names of doctors and MBBS registration numbers. He urged officials to inspect the daily presence of visiting doctors and scrutinise the growing number of Ayurveda clinics, emphasising that Ayurveda doctors should prescribe only Ayurveda medicines.

Action will be taken against Ayurveda doctors found administering English medicines. Furthermore, he urged officials to investigate and report on tent-like clinics treating nervous disorders and sexual problems lacking proper licences.

The meeting was attended by District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, Deputy Director of the Women and Child Development Department Basavaraju and officials from various taluk-level Departments.

Health officials lock private nursing home in Bogadi

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (RK&BCT)- Health Department officials have enforced the closure of Sridevi Nursing Home in Bogadi due to violations of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994, enacted to prevent female foeticide and sex determination tests.

Upon inspection by the officials of the Health and Family Welfare Department, numerous violations were uncovered. The investigation was initiated based on information provided by the public, exposing irregularities.

It was revealed that the facility, operating without proper authorisation, conducted ultrasounds, including adaptive scanning. Furthermore, the inadequate preservation of data on pregnant women and foetus growth was noted, failing to comply with regulations.

Subsequent investigations disclosed that several staff members lacking an MBBS in gynaecology were engaged in performing scans. The owners failed in proper record-keeping, jeopardising the integrity of health examinations for pregnant women, scanning procedures & abortion-related information.

In contravention of regulations, the nursing home neglected to furnish essential details. The inspection also brought to light issues concerning the discharge of patients without adhering to proper protocols.

'Awareness key to check female foeticide'

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (SBD&BS)- Writer Bannur Raju said "Self-awareness is the key to prevent sex-determination tests and female foeticide as the Government alone cannot address the issue."

He was speaking after inaugurating a talk on 'Female Foeticide - A Thought, Familial, Social and Academic Responsibilities' and the presentation of 'Bala Kishori Sadhana' Award, organised by Sri Basaveshwara Samskruthika Pratishtana at Namana Kala Mantapa, Krishnamurthypuram in city on Monday.

Raju said "Female foeticide is a sin and the civic society should hang its head in shame. It is not just restricted to Mandya and Mysuru, as it has been happening across the country. However, it is incorrect to argue that the Government alone holds the responsibility to check such cases. There should be civic awareness among all, shedding a mindset of not caring for others. Whenever such incidents come to notice, the people should behave responsibly by at least informing the Officers concerned."

Child prodigies Niyati Vijaykumar, Tanvi Yogesh and Mahati Vijay Kumar who were conferred with 'Bala Kishori Sadhana' award are seen with Writer Bannur Raju, former Corporators Shobha Sunil and Sunil during the award presentation function held at Namana Kala Mantapa, Krishnamurthypuram in city recently.

Women are worshipped in India and is revered as *Jaganmathe* (Universal Mother). It is a matter of shame that we treat women, whom we hold in reverence, in such a disrespectful manner, rued Raju. There is no grave crime than female foeticide and the situation may turn more grave in the society if such illegal activity is not stopped. The Government should take preventive steps and the society also should join hands to protect women, said Raju.

In his keynote address, writer Jayappa Honnali said "It is unfortunate that we worship women for namesake and resort to nip her in the bud constantly. It is a matter of regret that women themselves are saying no to girl child. How fair it is to see the doctors who are considered as life savers are themselves indulging in such heinous acts? The perpetrators involved in such activities should be sentenced to life term with hefty fine, so that the recurrence of such cases can be prevented."

Child prodigies Niyati Vijaykumar (Cinema), Tanvi Yogesh (Versatile talent and Mahati Vijay Kumar (Art) were conferred with 'Bala Kishori Sadhana' award.

Malangi Suresh, Senior Vice-President of Mysore District Government Employees Association, CEO of a private hospital P. Pushpalatha, former Corporators Sunil and Shobha Sunil and Founder-President of Sri Basaveshwara Samskruthika Pratishtana Basavarajendra Swamy and others were present.

Rs. 1 lakh reward for informers

State Health and Family Welfare Department has announced Rs. 1 lakh reward for those who provide information about sex-determination test at hospitals across the State.

The Health Department has resolved to check female foeticide and has announced reward to the public who come forth with accurate information, with an assurance to maintain secrecy about the informers.

Police crack Kerala contractor's Rs. 50 lakh robbery case

Six from Kodagu, Kerala arrested

On trail of criminals, Police scan more than 400 CCTV cameras in Kodagu and Kannur

K. Ramarajan, Kodagu SP

Kodagu Police along with two accused in Madikeri yesterday.

The four among six accused arrested in robbery case.

Madikeri, Dec. 20 (PS&BCT)- The Kodagu District Police have solved a case involving the robbery of Rs. 50 lakh from a contractor from Kerala and his friend after they were kidnapped. Six individuals have been arrested.

Kodagu Superintendent of Police, K. Ramarajan, announced this at a press conference held at his Office in Madikeri last evening. The Police have recovered Rs. 3 lakh along with two cars and one pick-up vehicle. The crime took place on Dec. 9 at Devarapura village near Gonikoppa town in Ponnampet Taluk.

The Police confiscated the gold that was sold to a jewellery shop on Ashoka Road in Mysuru. It was revealed that 993 grams of 24-carat gold (99.99 percent pure) was sold to the jewellery store for Rs. 62 lakh.

On Dec. 9, the contractor, K. Shamjad from Kodakkad, Tirurangadi taluk, Malappuram district in Kerala and his friend Afnu, a student from Adarur Panchayat limits, Kozhikode, were kidnapped by a gang of individuals in four vehicles at Devarapura. The victims were later abandoned and the assailants fled after robbing them.

Accused from Kodagu, Kerala

The arrested individuals are Prashant (40) and Ramesh alias Ganja Ramesh (39), residents of Peggerekaddu Paisari at Bittangala village, P.C. Ramesh, (46), a resident of Virajpet Arasu Nagar (does cleaning work in a fish shop at Maggula village), B.G. Nagesha, (42), a resident of Arji village, Jamshad (29) and Harun (29) from Konnaperambil in Kerala. 'Parole' Dinesh, a resident of Malethirike Hill in Virajpet, is the main accused, currently serving a sentence in Thrissur Jail for a murder case.

All the individuals involved were well-acquainted with each other and meticulously planned the robbery, stated SP. Ramarajan, who elaborated on the efforts made by teams of 40 personnel, which included three Circle Inspectors and seven Police officers and headed by Additional Superintendent of Police Sundar Raj, Virajpet Dy.SP and Circle Inspector Manjappa.

Out on parole to loot

Technical teams were also engaged to aid in the investigation. As the inquiry progressed, technical information surfaced indicating the involvement of local individuals. Upon authentication and subsequent interrogation of some suspects, it was revealed that the main accused in the case is 'Parole' Dinesh, who was on parole at the time of the incident.

Nagesha not only provided accommodation in a Virajpet lodge for the group, but also supplied a dongle and a SIM card. He had affiliations with a pro-Hindu organisation and engaged in criminal activities to secure protection for his actions. Prashant, the accused pickup driver, collaborated in the crime along with 'Ganja' Ramesh and another Ramesh, who served as the cleaner.

Kodagu-Kerala link

The main accused, 'Parole' Dinesh, orchestrated the crime while on parole from Thrissur Jail. Presently incarcerated, a 'body warrant' will be obtained for further interrogation. 'Parole' Dinesh acted as the connection between the accused in Kerala and Kodagu.

The SP highlighted that 'Parole' Dinesh has a criminal record. In the course of the investigation, more than 400 CCTV cameras in Kodagu and Kannur (Kerala), along with various roads and tolls, were scrutinised to crack the case and their footage has been seized. Teams diligently tracked the visuals from Kodagu to Kannur to identify the accused and track them, added the SP.

Attempt to divert investigation

Over 10 individuals are suspected to have been involved and efforts are underway to arrest them. The complainant, Shamjad, had told the Police that he was robbed of Rs. 50 lakh, the proceeds from the sale of 750 grams of gold in Mysuru. Subsequent investigations led to the arrest of a gold jewellery dealer on Ashoka Road in Mysuru. During interrogation, the dealer revealed trading 993 grams of gold valued at Rs. 61,70,000.

"No documentation was provided for this transaction. Shamjad's attempt to divert the Police investigation by concealing the money and making such a statement to evade taxes came to light," stated Ramarajan.

The seized gold has been handed over to the Court and information has been relayed to various Departments, including Income Tax Department, Sales Tax, Customs and GST. The SP highlighted that investigation has uncovered instances of tax evasion and illegal gold smuggling.

Obituary

Venugopal Shetty

Mysuru, Dec. 20 - Venugopal Shetty (74), a resident of JP Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Premamma, daughter Meena, son-in-law, two sons Santosh and Dhanpal, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the family's farm land at Ayarahalli in the taluk today.

Provision to handover wildlife artefacts under law

- **Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre holds meeting with officials**
- **Issue to be decided in Cabinet meeting**

Bengaluru, Dec. 20 (KMS&KS)- In a bid to provide a permanent solution to those keeping wildlife artefacts to return the same to the Government under law, the matter will be discussed in the Cabinet meeting for the formation of a law, said Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre.

Speaking at a meeting of officials from the Legal and Forest Departments, he said that there is no provision under the law to keep wildlife artefacts and instructed the officials to re-submit the file regarding handing over the wildlife artefacts to the Government by those having them.

Eshwar Khandre

The meeting also deliberated on the protection of rights of forest dwellers and also into the legal aspects on one time provisions to return wildlife artefacts including pendants made from tiger claws to the Government.

Two including a Software Engineer go missing from city

Mysuru, Dec. 20- In separate cases, two persons including a Software Engineer have gone missing from city.

In the first case, a Software Engineer, who left his house in Vidyaranyapuram on Dec. 1 at about 4.50 pm, has since gone missing. The missing person is Ashray, according to a complaint lodged by his wife Rajeshwari.

Ashray

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Vidyaranyapuram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418122 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

In the second case, a 48-year-old man, who left his house on Nov. 22, has since gone missing.

The missing man is Ganesh Kumar, a resident of VV Puram in city.

He is 5.5 ft. tall, normal built, round faced, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and Hindi, has the name 'A.G. SUVENDRA' tattooed on his left hand and was wearing a blue coloured full arm shirt and brown pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing man may contact VV Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339/340, according to a press release.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Dec. 20- The Mysuru Railway Police have found a body of an unidentified person who was run over by a moving train between Mandya and Yelyur Railway Stations and have shifted the body to the Mandya District Hospital mortuary.

The deceased is aged about 60 years, 5.6 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned and was wearing a blue coloured full arm shirt and blue pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579, according to a press release.

For regular KSRTC bus service, stoppage...

A section of residents of Ward No. 6 (Gokulam), led by former Corporator SBM Manju submitting a memorandum to KSRTC Officers Puttegowda (Labour Welfare Officer) and Dinesh Kumar (Divisional Traffic Officer), to provide regular bus services and stoppages, at Gokulam, Brindavan Extension and surrounding localities. Senior citizen Rajeshwari, residents Leelavathi Lakshman, Ramakrishna, Arvind and President of SBM Manju Sneha Balaga V. Mahadev were present.

A CEC who prevented India becoming Banana Republic

By R. Chandra Prakash

T.N. Seshan was appointed as the tenth Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) in the year 1991. By 2023 the number of CECs has risen to 25! However, other than T.N. Seshan, today no other CEC's name is in the public domain. Interestingly, among nearly 42 years of illustrious bureaucratic career, it was T.N. Seshan's last 6 years as CEC which shot him into public limelight.

R. Chandra Prakash

T.N. Seshan was not only a stickler to rules and time schedules, but was also a staunch believer in destiny, astrology, religion and rituals. He was a mixture of both brilliance and brashness. Obviously, T.N. Seshan and controversies were inseparables. If he was conferred with the Magsaysay Award for his yeomen services as CEC, he was also recipient of choicest of epithets! He was called Hitler, Dictator, Megalomaniac, Maverick and even an Alsatian dog — that growled, barked and bit!! Such an extreme bandwidth of 'personality' certainly generates a high degree of interest in his autobiography.

A genius with two birth dates

T.N. Seshan was born on 15th May 1933 as the sixth child, after an elder brother and four sisters, to Sithalakshmi and Thirunellai Samibhattar Narayana Iyer or T.S. Narayana Iyer. His birth place Palghat was already known for Musicians, Intellectuals, Astrologers, Black Magicians and, of course, the Palghat Brahmins! 'Thalayalam', a strange mix of Tamil and Malayalam was exclusive to Palghat Brahmins, who were therefore also called as 'Thalayalis'.

T.N. Seshan was taken to Basel Evangelical School in Palghat, for admission to first standard. Seshan's performance at the admission test was so brilliant that headmaster Stephan decided to admit him directly to the third standard. Suddenly, Stephan realised that Seshan would complete his secondary school by 13th year of age, and consequently, later on he would become ineligible for admission to the intermediate! Because students had to be at least 13 years plus six months of age for being eligible to admission to intermediate course! To overcome this strange future obstacle, Stephan suggested that the date of birth of T.N. Seshan be advanced!

Thus, T.N. Seshan got his second and an 'Official' birth date — 15th December 1932, as against his 'Real' birth date — 15th May 1933

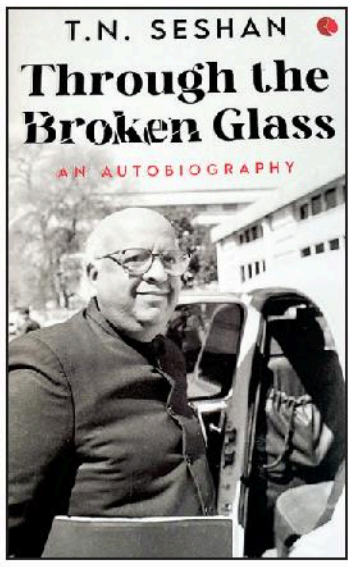
Not fit for the role!

The story of how a reluctant T.N. Seshan ultimately accepted to become the CEC is quite captivating.

Seshan was due for his retirement by 31st December, 1990. In November 1990, Vinod Pande, the Cabinet Secretary to Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar, offered T.N Seshan the post of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister. Explaining T.N. Seshan refused this offer. He records, 'I was not a good choice, that I was a very difficult person to work with, and that he would be better off finding somebody else.'

Around the same time, due to the untimely death of the then CEC, Peri Shastri, Vinod Pande, came back with yet another offer to T.N. Seshan. This time that of CEC. Seshan's immediate reaction, once again was a firm 'no'. He knew that despite a few involvements with the elections quite early during his long career, he had served for 20 years or more only in the scientific departments. His honest assessment of himself was, "I knew nothing about elections. I, anyway, did not think very high of CEC's post. I did not know much about it at that time. ...And so, I said, no, I do not want it. I am not fit for that role."

Very shortly thereafter, Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Minister, Commerce and Industry in the Chandra Shekhar government, T.N. Seshan's friend (later turned foe), came with the offer of same CEC post. These repeated offers made Seshan to contact at the middle of the night his old boss Rajiv Gandhi, whom he had closely served in different capacities, including PM's security. He was seeking an appointment to discuss this matter. On Rajiv Gandhi's suggestion, both met within 30 minutes of the call.



Title: Through The Broken Glass-An Autobiography
Author: T.N.Seshan
Year: 2023
Pages: 350+
Price: Rs. 795
Publisher: Rupa Publications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

Rajiv Gandhi's response to this offer is quite interesting! To quote from the book, **"What? Is he going to give you the CEC's post? He will repent later... This job is neither good for you, nor will appointing you as CEC be good for Chandra Shekhar. Take this job only if no other job is available."**

As T.N. Seshan only got more confused from this response, he later met the President, R. Venkataraman, whom he knew from his Tamil Nadu tenure. Even this veteran leader was not in favour of T.N. Seshan accepting this job. To quote from the book, **"The CEC's job will not suit you. You can't get any other job? If you have no alternative, take this job."** More confusion!

Next, T.N. Seshan consulted his elder brother in Chennai, who himself was a retired, distinguished IAS Officer. Brother's reply, 'You are going to be 58. Why do you wish to be stuck in Delhi? Come here. It would be supporting for me too.' Having no clear direction from his brother as well, T.N. Seshan sought the advice of his father-in-law in Bangalore.

Astral influence

Having frankly expressed his total ignorance of these positions, his father-in-law preferred to consult astrologer Krishnamurthy Shastri of the Malleswaram Shiva Temple.

And Krishnamurthy Shastri predicted thus, **"However much you may deny, you will take up this job. You will be in this job for six years. And for those six years, it will be like sitting on a bed of thorns. But nothing bad will happen."**

Such suggestions and opinion only further confused T.N. Seshan. A great believer in destiny and the religious ethos, T.N. Seshan finally thought of seeking the advice of Kanchi Seer at Kanchi Mutt.

For this he sought the intermediation of a friend in Kanchi Mutt. As if the Seer had some premonition of the purpose of his seeking this appointment, T.N. Seshan's friend called back within 20 minutes of his call and said, "There was a great surprise. Before I could even ask the Seer, he himself said, **'It is a respectable job, ask him to take it, and gave his approval'."**

T.N. Seshan having got these two positive responses from the Malleswaram Shiva Temple astrologer and the Kanchi Seer, immediately contacted Subramanian Swamy and confirmed his acceptance. Thus, a reluctant T.N. Seshan became the CEC, indeed with some astral influence.

CEC- A task cut out

In the mid 1970s when Allahabad High Court judgement endangered her Prime Minister's position, Indira Gandhi tried to overcome the impediments by the modifications in the relevant laws and even imposing the Emergency. And this exposed the Indian democracy to the power politics. For nearly five years the country saw total abuse of official power for political and personal purposes.

Gandhian principles, which were the benchmark of freedom struggle, were replaced by tantalising slogans. The election became the sure path to power. Country saw squabbles for power-sharing and the injection of caste as a power into politics.

T.N. Seshan had a 'task cut out' for him when he accepted the position of CEC! How T.N. Seshan converted his reluctance in accepting the post of CEC into a resolve to clean up the election process is also a story of how India was saved from becoming a Banana Republic.

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No curbs for Christmas

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2,041 active cases in Kerala: The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare convened a meeting with all State Governments via video conferencing this morning. The meeting was chaired by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. Union Ministers S.P. Singh Baghel, Bharati Pravin Pawar, Health Secretary Sudhanshu Pant, Secretary Department of Health Research Dr Rajiv Bahl and Dr. V.K. Paul, Member, (Health), NITI Aayog, were also part of the meeting.

During the meeting, Mandaviya stressed it was important to remain alert and be prepared against new and emerging strains of COVID-19. He called for the need for joint efforts between the Centre and States to ensure efficient management of the virus. "Let us undertake mock drills once every three months at both Central and State levels and share best practices," he said.

India today saw an uptick in COVID-19 cases, with 614 fresh infections recorded in the past 24 hours, the highest since May 21, according to the Union Health Ministry data.

Kerala has recorded 292 new COVID-19 infections and three fatalities in the last 24 hours. According to the Ministry website, 292 of the 341 COVID-19 infections recorded countrywide until 8 am today were from Kerala, bringing the State's active cases to 2,041.

Quality Controllers to inspect road works from Dec. 23

Mysuru, Dec. 20- Quality Controllers from the Quality Council of India, Hotwani Ramesh Nanakram and Noorul Ani Ishrath will be touring Mysuru district from Dec.23 to 27 to carry out inspection of the road development works in Mysuru, H.D. Kote, Hunsur, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur taluks taken up Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-3, according to a press release from RDPR Department Executive Engineer.

Shuka Vana, Bonsai Garden temporarily closed from Dec. 22

Mysuru, Dec. 20- In view of the COVID situation, Shuka Vana (Bird Park), Bonsai Garden and Vishwam Museum at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram in Mysuru will be closed from Dec. 22 till further announcement, according to a press release from Avadhoota Datta Peetham.

Call to use Brand Mysuru logo, tagline and mascot extensively

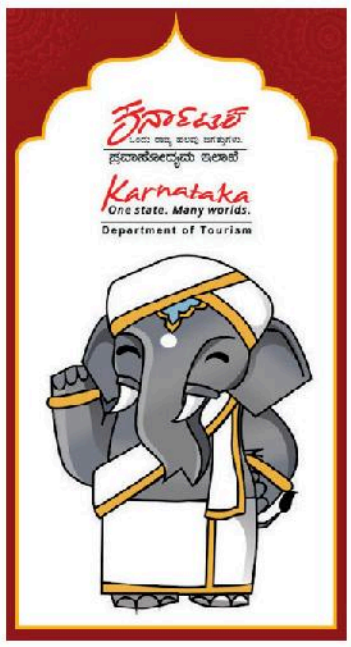
Key areas: Daily communication, event promotion, invitations, backdrops, Mysuru's unique products

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BCT)- Advancing the effort to boost Mysuru's unique brand identity on the global stage, characterised by the emblematic logo with the tagline 'Our Heritage, Your Destination,' mascot 'Gajju' — an elephant adorned in Mysuru Peta and draped in traditional 'panche' or dhoti — the Tourism Department has urged Government offices, semi-Government agencies, aided institutions, organisations and the private sector to integrate them extensively into their daily communications.

The logo design comprises two caparisoned elephants alongside the mythical bird 'Gandabherunda', the emblem of the former Mysuru Kingdom. The tagline, 'Our Heritage, Your Destination,' accompanies the logo and will be integrated into all promotional efforts related to Mysuru tourism.

Acknowledging the pivotal role of a thoughtfully crafted brand identity in attracting tourists, the Tourism Department seeks to spotlight the city's distinct charm and cultural richness. This undertaking aims to augment Mysuru's tourism potential and instil a sense of pride among residents, fostering active participation in the city's development.

Central to this strategic approach is the introduction of the



mascot 'Gajju,' which will feature prominently in social media campaigns, educational initiatives for children and community events, aiming to promote awareness of Mysuru's cultural and historical significance in a lively and entertaining manner.

In addition to incorporating the logo and tagline into daily communications, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who serves as the Chairman of the Tourism Development Committee, has directed stakeholders and Government Departments to utilise them across a spectrum of platforms. This includes invitations, backdrops, banners, hoardings and promotional materials.

Furthermore, the logo and tagline are encouraged to be integrated into brand marketing efforts, particularly for the promotion of distinctive products synonymous with Mysuru. Notable regional products such as Nanjangud Rasabale, Mysore Mallige, Mysore Betel leaf, Mysore Silk, Mysore Agarbathi, Mysore Pak, Mysore Rosewood Inlay, Mysore Sandalwood Oil, Mysore Sandal Soap, Mysore Traditional Paintings and Ganjifa Cards, can benefit from the association.

Plans involve incorporating 'Gajju' into various promotional materials, including brochures, banners and posters, solidifying its role as a symbol of Mysuru's identity and charm. The mascot is slated to feature prominently in tourist hubs, local markets and artisanal boutiques, offering both visitors and residents convenient access to culturally rich and locally crafted keepsakes.

2,000 Pourakarmikas, kin attend mega health check-up camp

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (RK&BS)- Over 2,000 Pourakarmikas of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and their family members took part in the day-long mega health check-up camp organised by Vishnumurthy - Rekha Murthy Charitable Trust (VR Charitable Trust) in association with MCC today at Town Hall premises in city. The camp concludes at 3 pm.

A 25-member team of doctors from Gopalagowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital, Nazarbad, conducted various tests related to Blood Pressure (BP), diabetes, eyes, among others for the Pourakarmikas.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, who inaugurated the camp said "Pourakarmikas who strive hard to keep the city clean should also show concern towards keeping their good health. Even the MCC has ensured that all facilities reach them, but the health check-up camps should be frequently conducted to monitor the health of Pourakarmikas."

Dr. Shushrutha Gowda of VR Charitable Trust said "Health assumes significance for all and that is the reason why this camp has been organised for the benefit of Pourakarmikas."

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, MCC Deputy Commissioner G.S. Somashekar, Senior Health Officer of MCC Dr. Venkatesh and others were present.

Brand Mysuru Fest in city from Jan. 26

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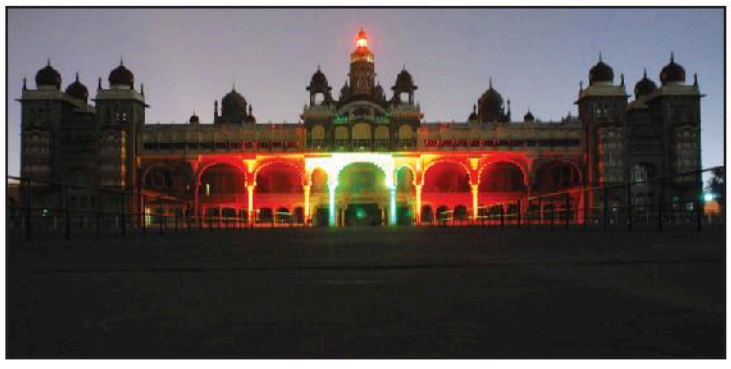
Identified locations for the installation of Mysuru's new logo and mascot 'Gajju' include Police barricades, signal boards and Police chowkis.

The meeting was attended by prominent District-level officials and stakeholders, including Superintendent of Police Seema Latkar, Commissioner of Mysuru Urban Development Authority G.T. Dinesh Kumar, Commissioner of Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage A. Devaraju, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, Assistant Director of Department of Information and Public Relations T.K. Harish Kumar, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry K.B. Lingaraju, President of Federation of Organisations and Associations of Mysuru (FOAM) B.S. Prashanth, Mysore Merchants Association President Anand, Mysore Travels Association President J.P. Urs, Javaji Hotel Group's J. Bapuji and others.

Cultural delights to merge with Palace Sound and Light Show



Mysuru, Dec. 20 (SBD&BCT)- Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra announced that Police Band performances and cultural programmes will take place in front of the Mysore Palace on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Plans are underway to introduce these events to enhance the overall experience.

The Police Band performers will don special uniforms adorned with royal insignia. The District Administration has invested Rs. 20 lakh for these uniforms, complete with royal insignia, and appropriate headgear.

Currently, a fee of Rs. 100 is charged for the one-hour Sound and Light Show at the Palace (comprising a 45-minute show and 15 minutes of Palace illumination). With the inclusion of cultural programmes and Police Band performances, the total duration of the show will be extended to three hours. However, the ticket price will be revised to Rs. 200, the DC added.

B.S. Prashanth, President of the Federation of Organisations and Associations of Mysuru (FOAM), proposed the idea of organising a weekly Police Band procession, adorned in royal insignia uniform, from Gun House Circle (Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Circle) to the Palace,

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Director, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru invites Online Tenders from experienced Catering Contractors for providing catering services to the International Hostel Mess at CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru through e-tendering portal https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app.

Last date for submission of tenders is 29.12.2023 up to 03.00PM

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Controller of Administration (COA)

Cultural programmes at Palace Flower Show

Mysuru, Dec. 20- The following cultural programmes have been organised during the Winter Flower Show at Mysore Palace premises:

Dec. 22

5.15 pm: Inauguration of Rathotsava (Procession of Goddess Chamundeshwari idol along with Lancers bearing royal Emblem).

5.30 pm: Inauguration of Palace Flower Show.

6 pm: Instrumental Music by A.M. Gururaj and troupe.

6.45 pm: Nada Geete and Mysore Kingdom's Nada Geete 'Kayo Sri Gowri' by AR art troupe.

7 pm: Inauguration of cultural programmes.

7.20 pm to 9.30 pm: Musical Evening by playback singer Mano.

Dec. 23

5.45 pm: 'Laya-Nada Taranga Sangeetha Milana' by Hanumantaraju.

6.30 pm: Dance by Kishan Biligali of The Academy of Dance.

7.45 pm to 9.45 pm: Musical Evening by playback singer Ekambaram Lakshminarayan.

Dec. 24

5.45 pm: Karate Demo by Rensi N. Yogesh. **6.30 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha by Hemalatha Kumaraswamy and troupe. **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm:** 'Sangeetha Yana' by Hemanth, Shamitha Malnad, Prithvi Bhat, Ashwin Sharma, Ankita Kundu and troupe.

Dec. 25

6 pm: Dance by Nagalakshmi and troupe. **7 pm:** Kuncha Gayana by Vidyabhushan and Raghupathi Bhat. **8 pm to 10 pm:** Sugama Sangeetha by M.D. Pallavi and troupe.

Dec. 31

11 pm to 12 midnight: Karnatak and English Band by Police Department.

12 midnight to 12.15 am: New Year celebrations by Mysore Palace Board. Bursting of colourful soundless crackers.

NOTE: Winter Flower Show will be open between 10 am and 9 pm from Dec. 22 to 31 and Palace will be illuminated between 7 pm and 9 pm during the Flower Show.

Dasara dolls show, old and rare photographs exhibition and screening of videos regarding Wadiyars and Mysore Palace have been organised on the occasion. Also, 2024 calendar will be released and saplings planting programme has been organised, said Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya.

The rehearsal of Rathotsava (Procession of Goddess Chamundeshwari idol along with Lancers bearing royal Emblem) to be held on the inaugural day (Dec. 22) of Palace Flower Show being held with men dressed in royal attire at Mysore Palace premises on Monday.

Two-day International Conference on 'Artificial Intelligence' at NIE on Dec. 22 and 23

Mysuru, Dec. 20- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, will be conducting a two-day International Conference on 'Artificial Intelligence: Towards Smart Sustainable Society' at its premises in city on Dec. 22 and 23.

Addressing media persons here on Monday, Dr. V.K. Annapurna, Conference Co-Chair and Coordinator, Professor, CSE, NIE said "The International Meet is conceived as a strategic event to bring together researchers, practitioners, industry experts and enthusiasts to share and discuss the latest developments in the field of AI. It covers a broad range of topics including machine learning, natural language processing, computer vision, robotics, Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality, Generative AI, Nano computation, DNA Computations, In-memory computing, Neuromorphic, Embedded Computing, surveillance, Signal Intelligence (SIGINT) Predictive Maintenance, Control Systems, Manufacturing, Materials Science and more with a focus on interdisciplinary scope and applications of AI'.

Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal, NIE, said "To motivate and encourage researchers on current trends, 3 Best Paper Awards will be presented."

Dr. R. Anitha, Head, Department of CSE, NIE and Dr. B.S. Jayasri, Chair of Publicity Committee and Professor in CSE, were present at the press meet.

Dr. Prathosh Kumar from IISc., Bangalore, will inaugurate the conference on Dec.22 at 9.30 am and deliver keynote address on Artificial Intelligence.

Dr. Rodulf Talens, Data Scientist, Infosys Limited, Amsterdam and Dr. H.N. Meenakshi, Senior Principal Consultant-Learning, Data Science and Machine Learning, Infosys, will also talk. In all, 142 papers have been received and selected papers will be presented.

Niranthara Ranga Utsava from Dec. 21 to 25

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar (centre), who released Niranthara Ranga Utsava posters in city recently, seen with (from left) M.M. Suguna, Prasad Kundoor, Srinivas Palahalli and Kemparaju of Niranthara.

Scene from the play 'Krouncha Geeta'

Mysuru, Dec. 20- Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru, in association with MSIL, Bengaluru, Directorate of Kannada & Culture, Bengaluru and Ministry of Culture, New Delhi, has organised Niranthara Ranga Utsava 2023-24 at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road in city from Dec. 21 to 25.

December 21

5.30 pm: Siddi Damami Folk Dance by Anche Madle Art Troupe, Yellepura.

6.15 pm: Inauguration of Niranthara Ranga Utsava. Directorate of Ports and Inland Water Transport-Karnataka CEO Jayaramarayapura, MSIL-Bengaluru Managing Director Manoj Kumar, Kannada & Culture Department-Bengaluru Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti and Niranthara Director Prasad Kundoor will be present.

7 pm: Staging of play 'Krouncha Geeta' by Ranga Ratha, Bengaluru; Written by Asif Kshatriya; Directed by Asif Kshatriya and Shwetha Srinivas.

December 22

6.30 pm: Senior Theatre Person Indira Nayar and Senior Engineer N.S. Anand will be present.

7 pm: Staging of play 'Atankavadiya Akasmika Savu' by Abhinaya Taranga, Bengaluru; Written by Dario Fo; Directed by H.K. Shwetharani.

December 23

6.30 pm: Journalist Rashmi Koti and Kannada & Culture-Mysuru Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present.

7 pm: Staging of play 'Project Darling' by Nirdiganta, Srirangapatna; Written and directed by Sharanya Ramaprakash.

December 24

6.30 pm: Senior Theatre Person Rameshwari Verma and Honnalli Gangadhar of Hasiru Foundation-Bengaluru will be present.

7 pm: Staging of play 'Goruru' (based on Goruru Ramaswamy Iyengar's essays) by Niranthara, Mysuru; Directed by Manjunatha L. Badigera.

December 25

6.15 pm: 'Laya-Vadya' programme by Rhythm Adda. Valedictory of Niranthara Ranga Utsava. Actor and MLC Umashree, folk scholar Prof. H.S. Ramachandregowda, MSIL-Bengaluru Marketing Manager Chandrappa and Srinivas Palahalli of Niranthara will be present. **7 pm:** Staging of play 'Na Rajaguru' by Aatamata, Dharwad; Directed by Mahadeva Hadapada.

Scene from the play 'Goruru.'

NIE, VVCE host Smart India Hackathon grand finale

Students of NIE** (picture left) **and VVCE** (picture right) **taking part in the Smart India Hackathon (SIH), jointly organised by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, All India Council for Technical Education and i4c yesterday in city. The SIH 2023 will go on till Dec. 23.

Mysuru, Dec. 20 (BCT)- The National Institute of Engineering (NIE) and Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) are playing host to the nation-wide Smart India Hackathon (SIH 2023) which was centrally inaugurated yesterday.

The SIH 2023 will be on till Dec. 23 and will provide the student community a platform to come out with innovative ideas and cost-effective solutions and help imbibe a mindset of problem-solving. SIH-2023 is jointly organised by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell, All India Council for Technical Education and i4c.

Over 12,000 students are participating in the grand finale being held at 48 nodal centres across the country. Students to tackle 231 problem statements posted by 25 Ministries. In this year's hackathon, more than 50,000 ideas were received from 44,000 teams — an almost seven fold increase compared to the first edition of SIH.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the students via video conferencing yesterday and expressed his hope in youngsters and urged them to contribute towards achieving the vision of New India.

"I never miss any opportunity to interact with Young Professionals, Young CEOs, Young Scientists and Young Bureaucrats", he said.

"I am happy to see young minds thinking about ways to take our nation forward. It is a delight to be among smart innovators of smart India," he added. While the event at VVCE is being held at H. Kempegowda Indoor Stadium, the NIE is holding it at its Diamond Jubilee Sports Complex.

At NIE, 25 teams from across India comprising about 150 students are taking part and it is housing problem statements given by the Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Defence and Autodesk Company. NIE has been selected as a Nodal Centre to host the event (Hardware category).

The finale was inaugurated by CEO, Proxelera Ravishankar. NIE Principal Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Programme Manager, Autodesk Ramesh Shankar, Advisor – II, AICTE Dr. N.H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director, NIE Managing Committee N. Sathya Kumar and Hon. President Dr. M.S. Ranganath were present.

At VVCE, a total of 27 teams, comprising more than 200 participants from VVCE, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Roorkee, VIT and IIIT Bengaluru are participating. The chief guest was global head of L&T Limited Shashidhara Dongre. He said that till 10 years ago engineering colleges were teaching theoretical aspects neglecting practical exposure.

But in today's competitive age, the field of engineering involves cutting-edge innovation and greater success can be achieved by developing the attitude of finding an appropriate solution to real-world problems. Hackathons are seen as the seed for greater things to come, he added.

VVCE Principal Prof. B. Sadashive Gowda explained that a hackathon is an event where computer programmers and other interested individuals come together to improve upon or build a new software programme in a short period. Each winning team will get a prize of 1 lakh and a total of Rs. 2 crore prizes will be given across the country, he added.

The problem statements being addressed at VVCE are Similar Document Matching Algorithm, Dak Ghar Niryat Kendra (Postal Department), Optimising Doctor Availability and Appointment Allocation in Hospitals through Digital Technology and AI Integration, Real Time Vehicle Tracking System, Smart Glass Cleaning Robot.

Nodal Officer Prof. M.R. Pooja, AICTE Deputy Director Dr. Nikhil Kant, Hon. President of Vidyavardhaka Sangha Gundappa Gowda, Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, Hon. Treasurer Srishaila Ramannavar, Prof. Nitin Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

Math Junior 'NAKSHATRA' annual awards ceremony on Dec. 22

Mysuru, Dec. 20- Math Junior has organised its annual awards ceremony — 'NAKSHATRA' — celebrating National Mathematics Day on Dec. 22 from 4 pm at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city.

Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*, will be the chief guest.

Dr. K.S. Chandrashekar, former HoD of Mathematics at The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, will be the guest of honour. Mathematician Dr. M.E. Shobha, a faculty at Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT), Manipal, will be the guest speaker.

The programme features chanting of Sanskrit Shloka and welcome dance by Nrutya Vidya Peeta Academy of Classical Dance. A book titled 'The 60 Minute Speed Math Book' authored by M.U. Ganapathy, Founder of Math Junior, will also be released, followed by a live demonstration of Math Champ and Robotics Demo.

Math Junior Awards will be conferred on eligible students, followed by musical and cultural events. All schools, teachers and public may attend.

Session on Cross Border Logistics and Supply Chain by CII tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 20 - The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, has organised a session on 'Cross Border Logistics and Supply Chain' with the theme 'Unlocking Growth Opportunities, at Hotel Southern Star in city tomorrow (Dec. 21) from 5.30 pm to 8 pm.

The session aims to bring together industry leaders, experts and enthusiasts to deliberate on the latest trends, challenges, and innovations in the Cross Border Logistics and Supply Chain sector, while providing a platform for discussing actions needed to create a vibrant and efficient integrated system.

Furthermore, it seeks to address the infrastructure challenges hindering the growth of the transportation and Cross Border Logistics Sector.

Interested participants may contact Payel Halder on email: *payel.halder@cii.in* or call Mob: 80735-77093. Participation is by invitation only, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Convalesce

Pronunciation: kahn-vuh-LESS.
Meaning: To convalesce is to recover health and strength gradually after sickness, injury or weakness.
Origin: When you convalesce, you heal or grow strong after illness or injury, often by staying off your feet. The related adjective convalescent means "recovering from sickness or debility," and a convalescent home is a hospital for long-term recuperation and rehabilitation. Convalesce comes from the Latin verb convalescere, which combines the prefix com-/con-, meaning "with, together, jointly," with the verb valescere, meaning "to grow strong." Valescere, in turn, is related to the verb valēre, meaning "to be strong or be well," which is also an ancestor of prevail, valor, value, and valid.
Example: "No complications occurred during the surgery or while the pope was convalescing in Gemelli's 10th-floor apartment reserved exclusively for hospitalization of pontiffs, according to the pope's medical staff." — Frances D'Emilio, The Los Angeles Times, 16 June 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Calorifics

Study of heat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In a cleft stick

Meaning: In a position where advance and retreat are both impossible; in a fix.
Origin: When we cleave something we split it into two pieces. It is then said to be 'cleft' or 'cloven'. These archaic-sounding words aren't commonly used alone these days and only persist in phrases like 'cleft-palate', 'cloven-hoofed' and 'in a cleft stick'. Cleft sticks are those which are split at one end, that is, forked sticks and they were used as simple tools for carrying small items such as bundles of paper or candles. Jonathan Swift makes a reference to such in his 'Directions to Servants' in Works, circa 1745: "You may conveniently stick your candle in a bottle, or with a lump of butter against the wainscot, in a powder-horn, or in an old shoe, or in a cleft stick." Swift's use, although hardly serious, is a literal one and doesn't suggest the figurative use, which is first recorded in the correspondence in William Cowper's Works, 1782: "We are squeezed to death, between the two sides of that sort of alternative which is commonly called a cleft stick."

QUOTE BOX

Truth is stranger than fiction, but it is because Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities; Truth isn't. **—Mark Twain**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Thorn in the side.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Biblical character
5 Love story (1953) of Raj Kapoor and Nergis?
8 Seductress
12 Outdoors
13 Peru native
14 Wander about aimlessly
15 Longing to be back in your own place?
17 A narrow piece
19 Italian painter Guido - "rine" anagram?
20 Jungle king
22 Contributor
26 Central African animal
29 Religious sisters
30 Pitcherful maybe
31 Flee to marry
33 Atty.'s degree
34 Style of skirt
36 State indirectly
38 Catastrophes, crises or breakdowns, in a way?
40 A single thing
41 A young salmon
43 Royal house
47 Study of religion
51 Desert bloom
52 Troubles or sicknesses
53 Gurus, instructors or masters
54 To be (Latin)
55 Inquire about
56 Copies the monkeys ?

DOWN
1 Heads of corn
2 Narrow notch
3 At a distance
4 Laxman's wife in Ramayana
5 Powdery residue
6 Oak-tree fruit
7 Dwelling or residence
8 Imaginative perception
9 Black bird
10 In short, the famous cricket organisation of England
11 In short, our neighbouring country
16 Farthest limit
18 Smoker's aid
21 Works of art
23 ____ and void ?
24 Solely
25 Regimental sergeant-major, in short
26 Medley or mixture of sorts
27 Game of chance?
28 __ __ arms : protesting strongly (2,2)
30 Advisory Map Display
32 To give out
35 Levy or inflict on
37 India's celebrated athlete (1,1,4)
39 ___ volatile : another name for smelling salts?
40 Strong desires
42 Duty-roster
44 Hard to fathom
45 Hideous giant
46 "Friends" role
47 Menlo Park initials
48 Towel word?
49 Electronic Library Sys.
50 "Kay" changes into an ox

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

P	S	S	T	■	S	P	E	C	■	S	P	A
A	L	O	E	■	P	O	L	O	■	A	I	A
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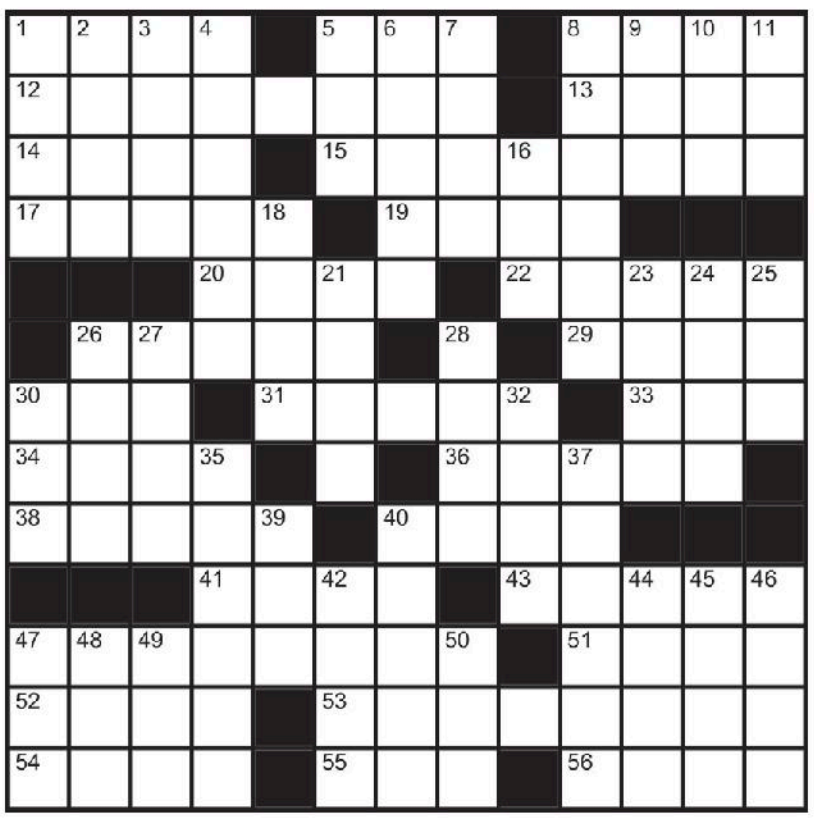

SUDOKU

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					8	7		2
2				4	3		9	
4	3					2		
	2						5	
		7					4	6
	4		7	2				1
1		6	3					
				5			3	

Answer to previous puzzle

5	1	3	4	2	9	6	7	8
8	4	2	6	3	7	5	9	1
6	9	7	1	5	8	4	3	2
1	6	9	3	4	2	7	8	9
9	3	4	8	7	5	2	1	6
2	7	8	9	1	6	3	5	4
4	5	9	7	6	1	8	2	3
3	2	1	5	8	4	9	6	7
7	8	6	2	9	3	1	4	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LNMV XPA UBVVPO KMO B UPDWHZDMVO

BVX PONMF LBX WBX XPAFCMHY PVM.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Faith is the confidence, the assurance, the enforcing truth, the knowing.

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Animal (H)	(S-1)	10.25 am, 2.20 pm
		6.15 pm, 10.05 pm
	(S-3)	3.45 pm; (S-4) 12.15 pm
Maayanagari (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
O Nanna Chethana (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Sneharshi (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Pindam (Te)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm

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Animal (H)	:	10.30 am, 2.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.15 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.00 pm
		4.00 pm, 6.30 pm
Aa Rahasya (K)	:	1.25 pm
O Nanna Chethana (K)	:	4.00 pm, 6.30 pm

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Hi Nanna (Te)	:	10.05 am, 11.45 am, 3.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.40 pm
Animal (H)	:	10.15 am, 11.15 am, 1.20 pm
		2.20 pm, 5.25 pm, 6.25 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Aalambana (Ta)	:	12 noon
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	12.15 pm, 3.45 pm 6.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.00 pm
Raapata (Tulu)	:	3.10 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	3.20 pm
Fight Club (Ta)	:	6.00 pm
Pindam (Te)	:	6.20 pm

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Animal (H)	:	10.15 am, 11.30 am, 2.20 pm
		6.25 pm, 9.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	11.45 am, 6.15 pm, 10.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.45 am
Useless Fellow (K)	:	12.30 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	:	3.00 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
December 16 (K)	:	3.30 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	3.35 pm
Maayanagari (K)	:	6.00 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Animal (H)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 2.05 pm
		6.10 pm, 10.15 pm
	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 5.25 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 8.30 pm
Kaiva (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am; (S-3) 3.55 pm
Sam Bahadur (H)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello -B (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	(S-3)	12.40 pm, 6.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am
Trailer Screening Show	(S-3)	12 noon

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Animal (H)	:	10.00 am, 11.00 am, 1.05 pm, 2.05 pm
		5.10 pm, 6.10 pm, 9.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Kaiva (K)	:	10.05 am, 7.20 pm
Useless Fellow (K)	:	11.05 am
Maayanagari (K)	:	2.05 pm
Hi Nanna (Te)	:	3.05 pm, 10.10 pm
O Nanna Chethana (K)	:	5.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	6.20 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - B (K)	:	7.00 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 20)

- **Sahaja Samrudha, Department of Agriculture, SWISSAID, FiBl, under the CROPS4HD (Consumption of Resilient Orphan Crops for Healthier Diets) Project:** Siridhanya Sambrama - The Millet Diversity Festival to commemorate International Year of Millets 2023, Nanjaraja Bahadhur Chatra, Mysuru, **up to 8 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** National expo of household goods, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Adarsha Seva Sangha, Mysuru:** Valedictory of National Awareness Campaign organised as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, dance recital by Vidu. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan of Champaka Academy, Sri Paramatmaji Maharaj Swamiji graces the occasion, Dr. Pavagada Prakash Rao inaugurates, **3 pm;** Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. Preethi Kumar and Vidu. Neethi Kumar, **4 pm;** Cultural programme by Natya Samskruti Kalanikethana troupe, Rajarajeswarinagar, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Diocesan Educational Society and St. Philomena's College:** Launching of MBA and MCA Programmes, Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Mysore, presides, Prof. J. Philip, Chairman, Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (XIME), Bengaluru, chief guest, Prof. N.K. Lokanath, VC, Mysore University and Dr. K.C. Latha, Education Officer, UGC, New Delhi, Indoor Stadium, College premises, Bannimantap, **4 pm.**
- **Sabarimale Sri Ayyappa Puja Samiti - Sri Ayyappa Swamy and Sri Guruvayurappan Temple:** 24th Year Dhwajarohana Mahothsava, Deeparadhana, Yatre Bali, Yatre Homa, Outside Procession with Vadyam, Deeparadhana and Arattu Procession with Thalapoli, Arattu Puja, Kodierakkal (Folding of Flag), Burning of Crackers, Attazha Puja, Kalashabhishekam, Seeveli, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **4 pm to 9 pm.**
- **District Commandant Home Guards, Mysuru District:** Inauguration of Home Guards Annual Zonal-level Sports Meet 2023-24, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Director Lokesh B. Jagalasar and Directorate Of Civil Rights Enforcement SP Kavitha chief guests, District Home Guards Commandant Dr. M. Kantharaju presides, DAR Grounds, Jyothinagar, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Sri Bhagavad Gita Abhiyana, discourse by Pt. Sri Ramachandracharya Umarji on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 13,' Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 21)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt:** Dhanurmasa Puja, darshan timings, Temple premises, Sri Yadugiri Yathiraja Mutt, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5.30 am to 10.30 am** and **4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Adarsha Seva Sangha, Mysuru:** Valedictory of National Awareness Campaign, Ganapathi Puje in the presence of Sri Paramatmaji Maharaj Swamiji. Veda Ghosha by Veda Balaga, led by Sri Ananta Joshi. Bhajans and Devaranama by Subbarao and troupe, **7.30 am;** Stage programme and felicitation to achievers. Retired Justice N. Kumar will preside. Tumakuru Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashram President Swami Veereshananda Saraswathi delivers keynote address. Noted violinist Dr. Mysore Manjunath will release the audio and lyrics of 25 songs. Paediatric Cardiologist Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri will be present. National Awareness Campaign Reception Committee Hon. President M. Jagannath Shenoy will address the gathering, **11 am;** Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan and Vidu. SKR Jilanibhasha will present vocal recital, dance feature and kolata, **1.30 pm;** Valedictory and prize distribution. Benediction by Sri Paramatmaji Maharaj Swamiji. Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balekundri and Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar will be present, Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha, Department of Agriculture, SWISSAID, FiBl, under the CROPS4HD (Consumption of Resilient Orphan Crops for Healthier Diets) Project:** Siridhanya Sambrama - The Millet Diversity Festival, Nanjaraja Bahadhur Chatra, Mysuru, **10 am to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98808-62058]
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, All India Handicrafts & Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** 74th Constitution Day - Special Lecture Series, Prof. R. Indira, Visiting Professor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Manasagangothri, delivers lecture on 'Indian Constitution and Right to Education,' K.P. Chandra, Principal, Morarji Desai Residential School, Sollepura, H.D. Kote, presides, Morarji Desai Residential School premises, Sollepura, H.D. Kote, **10.30 am.**
- **Gruha Shobhe:** National expo of household goods, Maharaja's College Grounds, **11 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Simad Bhagavad Gita,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru - Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, Mysuru:** Tirupavai Kalakshepa (discourse) by Vid. M.K. Shelvanarayana, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rotary Mysore:** Talk on 'Experience with Start-ups,' Dr. Mahesh Rao, Serial Entrepreneur and President-Elect at TiE Mysuru, will share his experience with Rotarians and Rotaractors, Rtn. Arun Belawadi, President, presides, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Uttaradi Mutt - Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana:** Sri Bhagavad Gita Abhiyana, discourse by Pt. Sri Ramachandracharya Umarji on 'Bhagavad Gita - Chapter 13,' Rogamochana Sri Dhanvantari Sannidhana, Uttaradi Mutt, Agrahara, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Thanmaya Shetty D/o Mariya Shetty, aged 26 years residing at No.32, Near Shaneshwara Temple, Tammadageri Street, Hinkal, Mysuru, swear that, in my 10th & other Education Documents my name has mentioned as Thanujakshi D/o Mariyabovi and Aadhar / Pan Card, Bank Account and other Documents my name has been mentioned as Thanmaya Shetty. Hence I solemnly affirm and state on oath that Two names **Thanujakshi and Thanmaya Shetty** is one and the same vide affidavit sworn in before Notary R. Ramachandra, dated 15.12.2023.

Sd/- Thanmaya Shetty

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or claim, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned along with documentary evidence at **# L-50/2A, 1st Floor, Ashoka Road, Mysuru -570 001** within TEN (10) days from the date of this Public Notice, failing which such claim/s shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and my client/s shall be entitled to complete the sale transaction that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSE PROPERTY BEARING NO. 1452, NEW No. L-5, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 28 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH 55 FEET, SITUATED AT KASABA GOPALAIAH BEEDHI, LASHKAR MOHALLA, MYSURU HAVING CONSTRUCTED MANGALORE ROOFED RED OXIDE FLOORING MEASURING 92.903 SQUARE METERS ON GROUND FLOOR & BOUNDED ON: EAST BY ROAD, WEST BY: PRIVATE PROPERTY, NORTH BY: ROAD, SOUTH BY: PROPERTY BELONGING TO JANI SAIT.

Sd/- **M. SANJAY JAIN,**
B.B.M., LL.B., CCL, CMIFS Advocate,
L- 50/2A, 1 Floor, Ashoka Road,
MYSORE-570001.
email: msj186@yahoo.co.in
Mobile. 9341464636
Place: Mysuru, Date: 19.12.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public from my client as under:

My client **Sri. Mahesh A.N.** S/o late Naganna residing at No. 640, 2nd Cross, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Mysore and Owner **Smt. K.V. Veena** W/o Late Venkateshamurthy have entered into Sale Agreement with respect to the property mentioned in the schedule and the owner is in possession and enjoyment of the same.

Therefore, any person/s, Financial Institution/s having any right, claim or interest in the schedule property or portion of the Schedule Property, shall forward their objections to the under signed in writing along with supporting documents within **10 (TEN)** days from the date of this Public Notice. Any claim or objection received after the expiry of the said period, will not be binding over the schedule mentioned property and my client. If any person made any transaction with respect to the schedule property will be void.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the schedule property bearing House No. 766 measuring East to West: (59+65)/2 feet and North to South: 40.00 feet, totally measuring 2480.00 sq.ft, situated at 16th Main, T. Koppal, Saraswathipuram, Mysore and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 769 and 781; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Site No. 767 and **South by:** Site No. 765.

Date: 19-12-2023
Place: Mysore

Sd/- Jayakumar, Adovate,
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This Public Notice is caused on behalf of my client M/s Manasa Developers, represented by its Partners, in response to the public notice caused in Star of Mysore on 28-11-2023 issued from the office of the Advocate Sri.A.V.Jayarama Rao, No1230/A, CH-36/A, 2nd Cross, Krishna Murthy Puram, Mysore issued on behalf of my client Sri.Marisiddegowda son of late Siddalingegowda No. 163, Bogadi Village, Mysore Taluk in respect of the land bearing sy.no. 275/16 measuring 4 acres 6 guntas of Bogadi Village, Mysore Taluk.

This is to bring to the kind notice of the General Public that Sri.Siddegowda along with his two brothers namely Sri.Mari Siddegowda and Sri.Swamy have entered into a Joint Development Agreement with my client authorizing my client to develop the aforementioned property and form residential layout. The Joint Development Agreement is dated 27-04-2007 and registered as No: MYN-1-02383/2007-08 and stored in CD MYND-140 of Book I on 28-04-2007, a General Power of Attorney is also executed in favour of my client and duly registered as document No. MYN-4-00140 /2007-08 and stored in CD No: MYND 140 dated 28-04-2007 before the Sub Registrar, Mysore North.

My client informs the General Public that in pursuance of the Joint Development Agreement and with the aid of the General Power of Attorney, my client has acted upon and secured sanction of layout plan apart from incurring substantial expenditure and also making payment of huge advances to the land owners. In this backdrop the JDA and GPA being registered instruments coupled with interest cannot be terminated by merely causing a legal notice as claimed in the public notice. In fact, suitable reply is also caused to the legal notice intimating that both the JDA and GPA continue to be in force even as on this date.

The Public notice is caused on behalf of the Land owners with the only intention of misleading the General public and the same is not in accordance with law and requires to be ignored.

Date : 19-12-2023
Place : Mysore

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Sd/- BHARATH M

SHOP FOR RENT
Size: 10x18 in
Valmiki road, 1st main,
V.V. Mohalla, Mysore-2
Contact:
9480124452

PROPERTIES FOR SALE
• HOUSE: 54X90, 5 BHK, Ground and 1st Floor, house at yadavagiri.
• Site: 30'x40', E/N Corner, Vijayanagara Railway Layout.
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Mob: 83104-70358

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Sl. No.	Name of the Posts	No. of Post	Date of Interviews & Time
1	Consultant	01	29.12.2023 at 10:00 am
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